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In re Application of:

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For: CONTINUOUS-BATCH HYBRID PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL

AND OTHER USEFUL PRODUCTS FROM PHOTOSYNTHETIC MICROBES

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following U.S. patents:

<u>Inventor</u>	Patent No.	Issue Date
Kobayashi et al.	3,546,812	12/15/1970
Schoon	3,763,824	10/09/1973
Srna	4,065,875	01/03/1978
Savins et al.	4,087,936	05/09/1978
Ramus	4,236,349	12/02/1980

The applicant would also like to draw the examiner's attention to the following foreign patent applications:

Date:

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Country	<u>Applicant</u>	Application No.	<u>P</u>	ublication Date
PCT	Stichting Energieonderzoek Centrum Nederland et al.	WO 01/174990	A1	10/11/2001
PCT	Univ. Sherbrooke et al.	WO 2004/009826	A2	01/29/2004
DE	Vieh & Fleisch Gmbh	4317006.4		11/24/1994

Form PTO/SB/08A and the \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) are enclosed along with copies of the foregoing patents and patent applications, except DE 4317006.4, for which only an English Abstract and German index are submitted.

The foregoing patents and patent applications were listed in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT international patent application no. PCT/US2006/022443 mailed by the European Patent Office on January 1, 2007 (in which the Stichting patent application was listed as the only relevant reference), or were listed in the International Search Report for the Stichting patent application (except US patent 3546812, which was listed as in the same patent family as FR 1579556, and DE 4317006.4, for which only an abstract is submitted).

Applicant submits that the above references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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